

“We Are: Chosen, Holy, and Beloved”

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Scripture

Colossians 3:12-17

“So, as those **who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved**, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Beyond all these things **put on love**, which is the perfect bond of unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body and be thankful.

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”

The Chosen (Elect in the KJV)

Elektos -> The Elect – Those specifically called out to be God’s children

John 15:16

“**You did not choose Me but I chose you**, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”

Matthew 22:14 (End of the Parable of the Marriage Feast)

“For many are called, but few are chosen”

1 Peter 2:9-10

“**But you are a chosen generation**, a royal priesthood, **a holy nation**, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him **who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light**; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy”

This generation of Jews were chosen, not like the ones in Hosea’s time who were called “Not My People” by God. Hosea was told to name his third child, a son, “Lo-Ammi”.

This generation was called out of darkness just like we were called out of darkness.

It is not based on what we do that we are chosen

Romans 9:10-11

“There was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac; for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, **so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls**”

Before the twins in Rebekah were born, God purposed to choose (elect) Jacob **because He chose to do so**. If God has chosen you to be on “His team”, you are part of the Elect.

The Holy

Hagios -> Holy – Literally means “Different” -> that is, “different from the world”

Used as **Sacred** and **Set Apart by God** for a special purpose

The Chosen -> “Get used to Different”

Leviticus 19:1-2

“Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, **'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.'**”

Deuteronomy 7:6

“**For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession** out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.”

Deuteronomy 14:2

“**For you are a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you** to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who are on the face of the earth”

1 Peter 1:14-16

“But like the Holy One who called you, **be holy yourselves** also in all your behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”

1 Peter 2:5

“You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, **a holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ”

We are the holy ones -> “not holier than thou” but holy unto God – is it any wonder that Paul writes:

Romans 12:2

“**Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

The Beloved

In the Old Testament, used of Israel a number of times

Used by Solomon in the Song of Solomon 39 times

Deuteronomy 33:12

“Of Benjamin he said, **“May the beloved of the LORD dwell in security by Him, Who shields him all the day, And he dwells between His shoulders.”**

Agapao -> “a determined, preferred love with a deep affection which involves choice and selection”

The Father called Jesus “Beloved”

Matthew 3:16-17 (Jesus’s Baptism)

“And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased”**

Mark 9:2-8 (The Transfiguration)

“Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John and brought them up on a high mountain by themselves. **And He was transfigured before them;** and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them. Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” For he did not know what to answer; for they became terrified. **Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!”** All at once they looked around and saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone.”

Both Jews and Gentiles called “Beloved”

Romans 9:22-25

“What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? And **He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.**

25As He says also in Hosea, **“I WILL CALL THOSE WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE, 'MY PEOPLE,' AND HER WHO WAS NOT BELOVED, 'BELOVED.'”**

Some were selected and called to be His beloved -> some Jews and also some Gentiles

In Hosea, God was frustrated with Israel and said that they would not be His people for a time. Instead, He would call Gentiles “His people” and call them “Beloved”

Chosen, Holy, and in the Beloved

Ephesians 1:3-6

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, **just as He chose us in Him** before the foundation of the world, that we would be **holy and blameless before Him**. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, **which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**”

What the CHB Do

Colossians 3:12-13

Put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Put on – “clothe yourself” -> **present this to the world around you**

“Heart of Compassion” -> “Bowels of Mercy” in the KJV -> **“a deep feeling toward someone’s difficulty”**

Kindness -> **Not an emotion but an action** -> **“meeting needs in God’s way”**

Humility (humbleness of mind) -> Not thinking too highly of yourself -> **“Not Holier than Thou”**

Gentleness (meekness) -> **“Strength or Power under control”**

Patience (longsuffering) -> with People not circumstances -> **“taking a long time before getting angry”**

Bearing (forbearing) with one another – to stand firm -> **“to suffer alongside someone”**

Forgiving one another – **“to freely extend grace to someone”**

We are to be joyous as the Chosen

We are to be thankful when we’re called to be Holy

We are to be loving to others because we are Beloved

What the CHB Receive

Peace with God

Colossians 3:15

“**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts**, to which indeed you were called in one body and be thankful.”

The Chosen get perfect peace and comfort in difficult times

Isaiah 26:3

“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.”

God provides perfect peace to us just as Jesus said...

John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. **Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.**”

Regardless of our circumstances, peace is available to the Beloved

Philippians 4:4-9

“**Rejoice in the Lord** always; again, I will say, **rejoice!**”

Let your gentle spirit be known to all men.

The Lord is near.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving **let your requests be made known to God.**

And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything is worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, **practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.**”

Presence of the Word through the Holy Spirit

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Teaching one another -> providing instruction using the Word of God

Admonishing one another -> providing direction and comfort using the Word of God

Psalms -> reading written praise to God

Hymns -> instrumental praise to God

Singing spiritual songs -> vocal praise to God

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the seal of promise for the Chosen

Ephesians 1:13-14

“In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-- having also believed, **you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise**, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.”

The Holy Spirit is the down payment on the future home with the Lord -> We are sealed -> Owned by God

Have an Attitude of Thankfulness!

Colossians 3:17

“**Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”

Do everything in the Name of Jesus -> in His Character as He would do -> WWJD?

Giving thanks for His presence in your life

All the passages in the Bible about being thankful

Prayer

Special Prayer & Benediction